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SEVEN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS RECOGNIZED FOR EXEMPLARY WORK

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – In an effort to recognize the work of educators and programs that serve at-risk students, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) has named seven Alternative Programs of Distinction. The programs were recognized today at the Kentucky Board of Education's regular meeting in Frankfort.

An alternative education program exists to meet the needs of students that cannot be addressed in a traditional classroom setting, but can be met through the assignment of students to alternative classrooms, centers or campuses that are designed to remediate academic performance, improve behavior or provide enhanced learning experiences.

Alternative education programs do not include career or technical centers or departments.

The seven programs named as Alternative Programs of Distinction for 2016 are:

School Districts	Schools
Bullitt County	Bullitt Alternative Center
Covington Independent	Transformational Learning Center
Dayton Independent	Regional School Programs
Fayette County	The Learning Center at Linlee
Jefferson County	Western Day Treatment
Laurel County	The McDaniel Learning Center
McCracken County	McCracken Regional School

Twenty school districts nominated programs for recognition based on criteria developed by KDE and the Innovative Pathways for Success Cadre. A four-member panel screened the applications and 16 finalists received site visits from a four-member team.

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Each program selected as an Alternative Program of Distinction receives \$2,000 from the Kentucky Department of Education and \$1,000 from the Kentucky Center for School Safety for instructional support. Information on the schools also will be posted on the KDE website, so other schools can use the programs as models.

KDE began highlighting exemplary practices in public school alternative programs in 2009. Alternative programs include school district-operated and -housed instructional programs that provide services to at-risk students with unique needs. They also can be district-operated instructional programs that are located in nondistrict facilities or schools and serve youth who are considered state agency children through the Kentucky Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children (KECSAC), the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Community Based Services and/or the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities.

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